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Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi planes launched a "devastating" attack on Khark Island's remaining utilities and equipment 24 September, ensuring that destruction of the island will be "total and final," according to an Iraqi military spokesman cited by Voice of the Masses radio. Earlier, AFP reported that Iran resumed oil exports from Khark Island at a reduced rate after a 24-hour halt in shipping as a result of the 19 September Iraqi air raid. Meanwhile, Iran's Air Force commander warned that Iran is ready to give a "more decisive" response to Iraq, IRNA noted.

In another development, IRNA reported that Iranian artillery destroyed an Iraqi radar site in Al Faw.

Israel

Relations With Egypt, UK — The Egyptians are willing to discuss various compromise solutions for the Tabah dispute outside the framework of either conciliation or arbitration and they have stated that resolving the Tabah issue is not a condition for solving other problems in bilateral relations, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir disclosed in an interview with Jerusalem radio after meeting his Egyptian counterpart in New York. This is "something new" in the Egyptian attitude, Shamir said, adding that "we are extricating ourselves from a state of paralysis, and this allows for freer negotiations."

In another development, Shamir sharply criticized Great Britain's arms deals with Saudi Arabia and Jordan and its decision to receive PLO officials for talks, accusing the British Government of "appeasement" of the Arabs and of dealing a "terrible blow" to the cause of Mideast peace, the radio reported. Energy and Infrastructure Minister Moshe Shahal criticized Britain for holding up the shipment of oil to Israel which the latter has already paid for, according to Jerusalem radio.

'Akko Bomb — Following Jerusalem radio's report that a bomb explosion wounded a woman in 'Akko, ITIM noted that three Arab members of the 'Akko municipality condemned the terrorist act.

Lebanon

After meeting with Syrian military officials in Tripoli, Islamic Unification Movement leader Shaykh Sa'id Sha'ban announced his side's agreement to the deployment of Lebanese Army and Syrian forces in the area, Beirut radio reported. Brigadier General Ghazi Kan'an, head of the Syrian delegation, said the Syrian and Lebanese troops will collect weapons in the city and he added that they will mount "search and storming operations" to gather concealed weapons. However, while Beirut radio said Tripoli was calm in the wake of the agreement, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported renewed clashes in the city 24 September.

Beirut radio announced that the leaders of the Amal Movement, the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), and the Lebanese Forces have agreed to send representatives to a Syrian-sponsored meeting in Damascus aimed at drafting a "master political plan" that will incorporate each side's proposals. Meanwhile, Amal and PSP gunmen clashed in the western sector, Voice of Lebanon radio reported, noting that the fighting was triggered by the PSP's execution of three Amal gunmen who had fired at a barracks. PSP leader Walid Junblatt expressed "dismay" over the security problems in west Beirut, according to Beirut radio, and the Islamic Grouping called for a 1-day general strike 27 September to protest the "tragic" situation.

In southern Lebanon, the IDF killed two "terrorists" north of Hasbayya, Jerusalem radio reported.

Tunisia

Despite claims by sources cited by JANA that Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba is in a coma and a "struggle for power" has begun in Tunisia, Tunis radio reported that Bourguiba held talks with Prime Minister Mohamed Mzali 23 and 24 September in the Palace of the Republic. Four Libyan Mirage aircraft reportedly violated Tunisian airspace 23 September, according to Tunis radio.

Sudan

Libya has started sending Sudan military supplies agreed upon in the military cooperation program signed by the two countries last July, Sudanese Defense Minister 'Uthman 'Abdallah announced in a statement to the Qatari newspaper *AL-RAYAH* reported by SUNA. The supplies include 50 trucks, trailers, and other equipment.

DRA-Pakistan

The Afghan Foreign Ministry summoned the Pakistani charge d'affaires in Kabul and protested Pakistani militarized units violating Afghan territory 5-7 September, Kabul radio announced, adding that 50 Pakistani militia were killed and another 80 were wounded. Meanwhile, the radio reported that DRA forces killed 300 rebels during an attack on a "major" enemy camp in the Khowst area, but gave no date.

Pakistan

Nearly all of Pakistan's opposition leaders were placed under house arrest in Lahore to prevent discussion on an amendment to the country's constitution known as the "indemnity bill," AFP reported. The 11-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy had planned an emergency session to formulate a common policy if the National Assembly adopts the amendment.

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Riyadh: Mujahidin Attack Qandahar Airport
GF231230 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 1130 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] The Afghan mujahidin have carried out a number of successful operations against positions of the ruling Afghan regime and the Soviet invading forces. It was announced in London today that the Afghan mujahidin forces carried out a missile attack against the Qandahar airport, completely destroying the runway and the airport annexes. They also repulsed an enemy convoy of 35 armored vehicles and forced it to retreat under heavy missile fire.

The Afghan mujahidin also repulsed an attack launched by the Soviet invading forces and the ruling regime's forces against two fortified defense positions of the mujahidin in Konarha Province. Seven Afghan mujahidin were martyred and 22 others were wounded while resisting the attack.

Protest Lodged With Pakistan Over Border Violation
D231702 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] The charge d'affaires of the Embassy of Pakistan was summoned this afternoon at 1430 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the following points were made to him by the director of the First Political Section:

Despite the repeated protests of the DRA Government, the inhumane interference and aggression by Pakistan is continuing against the DRA. On 5 September, Pakistani militarized (?units) violated the Lazhah Kalay area. Also on 6 and 7 September, they violated the Shah Vali Dukan and south east of Khowst and the Zhawar area, south of Khowst respectively, as a result of which a clash took place with the DRA border forces and 50 Pakistani militia were killed. Another 80 of them were wounded and carried to Miram Shah city.

The DRA Government strongly condemns this aggression by the military forces of Pakistan and lodges a strong protest against the military government of Pakistan. Also it reminds the Pakistani military authorities that they should put an immediate end to such armed aggression against the DRA which has endangered peace on the borders; otherwise, the heavy and dangerous consequences arising from them will rest with military authorities of Pakistan.

Kabul Reports Successful Operations Against Rebels
LD232113 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1600 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] An 18-man armed band along with its leader, Mohammad Asef, utlizing the amnesty decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium amnesty decree, joined the security forces in Paghman District.

According to a report from a BAKHTAR correspondent during successful operations which were mounted in Ghowr District, six members of the so-called Hezb-e Eslami counterrevolutionary bands were crushed and a number of them were wounded. One DShK along with 32 rounds of ammunition, 3 assorted weapons, a large quanitity of ammunition, and 6 binoculars were seized from these criminals. An enemy food depot was destroyed.

Also, a 16-man band of the Jamiyat murderous band along with their ringleader, Ehsaq, surrendered to the Parvan Province security forces, repented their past actions and pledged to defend the gains of the April Revolution with their very lives.

BAKHTAR Comments on Armacost Visit to Pakistan
LD240839 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0457 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] Kabul, September 23, BAKHTAR: A political observer of BAKHTAR writes: The visit of every U.S. high-ranking delegation to Pakistan expands the dimensions of the imperialistic undeclared war against the DRA and exacerbates tensions on the borders of India.

The recent visit of Armacost, U.S. under secretary of state for political affairs, and Ronald Fortier, deputy assistant to the U.S. President for national security, to Pakistan is not fortuitous. The visit follows analogous ends in the implementation of the doctrine of the Reagan administration in South and South-West Asia, particularly, against the DRA.

Armacost and his companions, like other American officials, resorted to gathering of information about the public opinion of the people of Pakistan regarding the developments of situations on the borders of the DRA and India. They strove to further provoke the ambitions of Islamabad and accelerate the process of the producing of nuclear weapons in Pakistan.

Since 1978, Armacost showed readiness for the conclusion of an agreement for more military aid to Islamabad and pledged that he would begin the extension of more economic and military assistance worth of 3,200 million dollars to Pakistan.

The press of India reports that the USA, through these delegates, has promised huge military aids to the Afghan counter-revolutionaries. The military ruler of Islamabad has promised the rendering of every kind of assistance to the Afghan counter-revolutionaries aimed at satisfaction of Washington.

The Afghan counter-revolutionaries, who are being trained in 150 military camps in Pakistan under the American, Chinese, Egyptian, Pakistani and other mentors for murdering and subversion inside the DRA are not only sent to Afghanistan for these ends, but these mercenaries are also used against political and social figures in Pakistan as well as for whipping up tensions on the borders of India.

This is what has been satisfyingly stated by Armacost as the mutual agreement of the USA and the military regime of Pakistan in connection with the concerned issues, namely, the intensifying of the undeclared war against the DRA and aggravating of tension on the borders of India.

Voice of Islamic Revolution on Operations in West
GF211911 (Clandestine) Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Pashto 1700 GMT 21 Sep 85

[Text] Reports received from all over the country speak of the victories of our Muslim mujahidin. According to a report received from Badghis Province, some time ago the Soviet occupationists and the Karmal puppets surrounded and savagely attacked a camp at Jabahat and several villages in the Langar-Sharif [Langar-e Soltan shrine] region in Badghis Province where there is a mujahidin stronghold at a point (Ada) in that region.

The reports add that following this attack our always alert mujahidin put up strong resistance. After using heavy fire power, the mujahidin succeeded in scaring the enemy and inflicting a shameful defeat on them. During this fight, the enemy suffered heavy casualties and damage. The mujahidin also captured several pieces of heavy armament and many small arms.

The report adds that after this defeat the Soviet occupationists and the Karmal puppets heavily bombarded Langar-Sharif region with aircraft and artillery. The Soviet-Karmal soldiers again failed to achieve their objectives. The report adds that the mujahidin downed one enemy bomber aircraft.

Similarly, some time back in the Emam Fakhr-e Razi region in Herat Province, our mujahidin brothers destroyed one enemy tank and its crew. Another report says that during the past week our mujahidin brothers succeeded in scattering enemy soldiers in Paktia Province and pushing them seven kilometers back toward Katawaz. In these operations combined Soviet-Karmal forces lost 45 tanks and armored vehicles and more than 90 soldiers and officers were killed or captured.

Concerning this operation a mujahidin member stated that at present very heavy fighting continues in Paktia Province. The mujahidin have presently intensified their attacks in athe Katawaz region to prevent help from reaching the enemy in the Khowst area. Katawaz region is a route to Paktia Province and is used by the Soviets to move supplies to their troops in Paktia.

Rebel Leader Claims Responsibility for Downing Plane
LD240838 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0439 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] Kabul, September 23, BAKHTAR — Yonous Khalis, a ringleader of the Eslami band and the head of the so-called "Union of Seven", the union of miscreants stuck recently together by the CIA, brazenly and openly has confessed that his band had taken the responsibility of shooting down the civilian airliner of the Bakhtar Afghan civil airlines near Qandahar, writes Kabul *NEW TIMES*.

The plane was shot down by Stinger rocket, of US-make which resulted in death of 52 passengers, including women, children and clerymen.

In the analysis of the incident of shooting down of the airliner the main point that arises is, who has committed this inhumane criminal act, contrary to the internationally accepted norms. The essence of the savage counter-revolutionary elements and their diabolic faces are not unknown anymore to most of the toiling people of Afghanistan, the newspaper remarks.

The Afghans remember the bomb explosions outside the terminal of Kabul International Airport, in city transport, market of Microrayon, as well as the explosions in the mosques of Kabul and Herat, etc., which resulted in mass killing and injuries of innocent women, children and elderly people.

It is quite obvious that these criminals are not able to carry out criminal operations in the DRA without previous instructions and consultations of the Pakistani militarists and the American military advisers there. Undoubtedly, for the masters of these criminals, the recent tragic incident was not something shocking and unexpected.

What is shocking is that they not only roughly violated the international convention but have launched a large propaganda campaign praising such a shameful crime. Recently the ringleaders of the miscreants held a session with the representatives of the USA, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia to assess the issue of exporting more arms and ammunition to Afghan counter-revolution for escalating subversion.

Any time the ringleaders of the counter-revolution had gone to the USA they tried to obtain Stinger rockets, ultimately in summer of the current year they were able to convince Washington immediately. The Saudi Arabian authorities have also been able to get some of these rockets.

The political commentators who are keenly observing the situation around Afghanistan say that sufficient amount of the Stinger rockets has been put at the disposal of the counter-revolution by Saudi Arabia.

Continuing Reportage on Punjab Elections, Violence

Car Bomb Kills Child

HK231258 Hong Kong AFP in English 1226 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] New Delhi, Sept 23 (AFP) — A small girl was killed in a powerful car bomb explosion in Punjab today, press reports said, as police said they had uncovered a Sikh plot to blow up Army convoys and other vehicles in a bid to disrupt state elections.

A seven-year-old girl named as Lovinga died and two children were injured in Batala, 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, when a bomb exploded in the car of Sheila Dikshit, a member of Premier Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) said.

Earlier today, a bomb exploded as a man was trying to plant it under the car of Brij Bhushan Mehra, a candidate in Wednesday's state elections, minutes after he had parked it in Amritsar. No casualties were reported.

Three people were killed yesterday when a transistor bomb exploded near old Delhi railway station. Police said the bomb may have been abandoned by a Sikh militant on the run, or else planted deliberately to protest Wednesday's elections.

PTI, quoting police, said that a Sikh arrested after today's Amritsar bombing had given them details of a Sikh separatist plot to blow up Army convoys and other vehicles across Punjab and in other parts of India on the eve of the Punjab elections. Sadhu Singh reportedly told police that a large number of highly sensitive magnetic time bombs had been distributed by militants to carry out the attacks.

Police said they believed a magnetic time bomb had been planted in Mrs Dikshit's car in Batala. The explosion occurred after Mrs Dikshit and a Congress (I) observer had gone into a hotel for lunch after addressing an election rally, PTI said. The dead girl and the two injured children were playing nearby when the bomb went off, the agency added. The Border Security Force (BSF) official said a magnetic time bomb was easy to plant anywhere on a vehicle unnoticed and the explosion could take place at a set time.

PTI quoted Narpat Singh, deputy inspector general of the paramilitary BSF, as saying that the BSF had conducted raids in many parts of the city on information provided by Mr Singh to apprehend those to whom similar bombs had been distributed.

Mr Singh reportedly told police that he had been given the bomb by a Sikh staying in a village in Tarn Taran near Amritsar, to plant today in some vehicle, preferably one belonging to the Armed Forces. He said the bomb was fitted with a timing device, but the bomb exploded before he could plant it under Mr Mehra's car in Amritsar. The BSF later arrested a second man, described as an associate of Mr Singh, and identified as Harjinder Singh, after raiding his house. He had allegedly escaped earlier after the bomb attempt on Mr Mehra's car.

Sikh militants have called for a boycott of the state polls, called after Mr Gandhi signed a peace accord with Sikh moderate leader Harchand Singh Longowal in July. The accord was aimed at ending a violent campaign by some Sikh militants for greater autonomy in Punjab, but was rejected by the militants as a betrayal of the Sikh cause.

More Deaths Reported

BK231556 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Excerpt] There have been a number of explosions in unattended vehicles in some parts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. An official spokesman in Chandigarh said three children were killed in a blast in Batala in Gurdaspur District today. In Amritsar, members of the public and jawans [soldiers] of the security forces chased an alleged terrorist who tried to plant a bomb under a car of a candidate. The terrorist was later caught by a BSF [Border Security Force] jawan.

The DIG [Deputy Inspector General] has announced an award of 1,000 rupees to the jawan for his bravery. The spokesman said the explosions are being organized by a group of terrorists headed by proclaimed offender Sukhdev Singh Sakira who carries an award of 100,000 rupees on his head. He said the gang distributed plastic tiffin boxes containing explosive material, (gelatine), which smells like boiled potatoes. The gang is also distributing some other explosive materials including pencil-like objects containing acid. Some members of the gang have already been arrested.

The spokesman warned the public not to touch any such stray tiffin box-like objects or any other objects. He said the explosions are desperate acts of the terrorists to create a scare which, he said, will be repulsed by the public with the same determination as in the past. Meanwhile, electioneering ended this evening for the Lok Sabha and assembly poll in Punjab.

Governor Reviews Security Situation

BK240304 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] In Punjab, the police have identified over a dozen miscreants involved in yesterday's bomb blast in different parts of the state. An official spokesman told All India Radio Chandigarh correspondent that three of them have been arrested and efforts to apprehend others are continuing.

The governor, Mr Arjun Singh, reviewed the latest law-and-order situation in the state at a high-level meeting at Chandigarh last night. The meeting was attended by his advisers, the state chief secretary, the home secretary, the director general of police, and other senior civil and police officials.

Security Forces on Alert

HK241106 Hong Kong AFP in English 1045 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Excerpt] Amritsar, India, Sept 24 (AFP) — Paramilitary troops today patrolled the streets of this Sikh holy city as 100,000

security forces personnel were ordered on red alert on the eve of Punjab elections.

Officials meanwhile warned vehicle owners to watch out for suspected Sikh separatists planting more in a series of car bombs which yesterday killed three people and wrecked six cars.

The administration ordered 100,000 security troops on maximum combat readiness against possible attempts to disrupt state elections scheduled tomorrow, officials said.

Eyewitnesses said that with 18 hours to go before the crucial polls, paramilitary troops had begun patrolling here in jeeps and had taken up positions with mounted guns at stategic points in the city. Jeeps loaded with the troops were also seen following important candidates, eyewitnesses said.

Meanwhile, police aided by paramilitary troops raided several places in the state last night after a suspected Sikh militant disclosed yesterday that militants had planned to blow up Army convoys and disrupt the polls. A paramilitary source said that a dozen people had been picked up for questioning.

Polling is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and to end at 4 p.m.

Election Commissioner Promises Protection

BK231626 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] The chief election commissioner, Mr R.K. Trivedi, has appealed to the electorate of Punjab to vote fearlessly. In a broadcast from the Delhi station of All India Radio a short while ago, Mr Trivedi assured them that they will get all the protection they need. He also appealed for cooperation from political parties and candidates in the next 2 days, especially on Wednesday — the polling day. He hoped that the state government will not be complacent and continue its vigil till the results are announced.

The election commissioner said with the cooperation of the center and the state government effective arrangements have been made for the maintenance of law and order. They have also assured the commission of all arrangements for the safety of polling personnel.

Referring to the visit of commission officials to the state, he said they have reported that elaborate arrangements have been made and the law and order situation will be fully under control in every area, including sensitive localities. The district magistrates and superintendents of police have worked out the arrangements.

Mr Trivedi also assured the polling personnel that they should feel absolutely secure and complete their assignment. He also referred to the state government's announcement about paying of adequate compensation in the event of any mishap.

The Punjab governor, Mr Arjun Singh, has said the people's massive resistence has kept at bay the forces of disruption which are bent upon subverting the democratic process in the country. Talking to newsmen in Chandigarh today, he said in Wednesday's poll the common man is going to express himself and every vote cast will be in favor of life over death and for democracy against terrorism. He said in view of the next 3 days being very crucial, each of his four advisers have been made in charge of three districts for ensuring law and order and a free and fair poll.

Defense Ministry Denies Arrest of Army Personnel

BK231244 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] The Ministry of Defense has categorically denied newspaper reports that some Army personnel were arrested or detained during the recent search for terrorists in the capital. In a press release today, it points out that the Delhi police have also clarified that no Army personnel were arrested or detained for interrogation during raids for suspected terrorists.

Civil Aviation Minister Resigns

BK241245 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] The union tourism and civil aviation minister [of state], Mr Ashok Gehlot, has resigned from the Council of Ministers. According to Rashtrapati Bhawan [President's House] sources, the president has on the advice of the prime minister accepted the resignation of Mr Gehlot.

Foreign Secretary To Hold Talks With Tamils

HK231540 Hong Kong AFP in English 1515 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Excerpt] New Delhi, Sep 23 (AFP) — Indian Foreign Secretary Romesh Bhandari is to leave here for Colombo on Thursday for talks with Sri Lankan leaders on the island's ethnic crisis, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The spokesman also said that Mr Bhandari today had another round of talks with leaders of the Eelam National Liberation Front (ENLF), which groups four of Sri Lanka's main Tamil militant organizations.

During today's talks there had been "further positive movements" toward consolidating the ceasefire in Sri Lanka between the country's security forces and Tamil militants, the spokesman said.

The spokesman would not elaborate but Tamil sources said Mr Bhandari's trip to Colombo was aimed at finding out if Colombo would agree to certain conditions for implementing the ceasefire. The three-month ceasefire, which expired on Wednesday, was unilaterally extended by the Sri Lankan Government.

In talks since September 17 with Mr Bhandari on Sri Lanka's ethnic crisis, the 11-member ENLF delegation agreed to an interim ceasefire pending the acceptance of certain conditions by Colombo before signing a formal ceasefire agreement, official sources said. The conditions include the disarming of home guards and civilians, lifting of curfew in Tamil areas, settlement policy without changing the demographic pattern, lifting of

surveillance zones and confining the security forces to the barracks.

The Sri Lankan Government for its part has asked the Tamils not to set off land mines or attack security forces and civilians, and not to secure arms from outside the country. Colombo has so far only agreed to constitute committees of prominent civilians to monitor ceasefire violations by both sides, the sources added.

The week-long discussions between the Tamils and Indian officials have been confined to the question of prolonging the ceasefire. Until this issue is resolved, the Tamils have been reluctant to take up more subtantive issues like the resumption of the peace talks between Colombo and the militants, which collapsed last month, or proposed measures for giving the Tamils more autonomy.

The ENLF delegation was to leave the Indian capital tonight for the southern city of Madras and would return here next Monday to continue discussions with Mr Bhandari and other Foreign Office officials, the Foreign Office spokesman said.

Meeting With Jayewardene Planned

BK231603 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] The foreign secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari, and leaders of the Eelam National Liberation Front [ENLF] had another round of talks in New Delhi this afternoon.

Briefing newsmen, the spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry said there has been further positive movement toward consolidating the cease-fire in Sri Lanka.

The ENLF leaders are returning to Madras tonight. They will be coming back to New Delhi on the 30th of this month to continue discussions with government representatives to find a solution to the Sri Lankan problem.

Mr Bhandari will be visiting Colombo on Thursday. During his day-long visit he will be meeting President Jayewardene and other leaders.

AFP: Opposition Leaders Placed Under House Arrest

NC231800 Paris AFP in English 1711 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Excerpt] Islamabad, Sept 23 (AFP) — Almost all of Pakistan's opposition leaders were placed under house arrest in Lahore today in an unprecedented crackdown by police to prevent discussion on a controversial government amendment to the country's constitution, opposition sources said.

The 11-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) had planned an emergency session today to work out a common policy if the National Assembly adopts President Mohammad Ziaul Haq's eighth amendment, named the "Indemnity Bill".

The bill, beside giving legal cover to the eight-year military rule of General Ziaul Haq, will also validate all his martial law orders, regulations, military court verdicts and reinforce his own position following the December 19 referendum and the non-party elections polls in March, which the MRD boycotted.

It will also give Gen. Ziaul Haq power to make any changes he considers necessary until martial law is lifted. The president says he will honour Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo's pledge to end martial law on December 31 this year.

The MRD has described the Indemnity Bill as a "death warrant" for Pakistan's political order.

Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, leader of the banned Pakistan People's Party (PPP) which ruled until the July 1977 coup, has already called on all political parties to launch a national campaign of demonstrations if the bill is adopted by parliament.

Mr. Jatoi and other MRD leaders were yesterday denied entry into Lahore and opposition sources said today nearly all of them were under house arrest. "Police asked me not to leave, otherwise I would be taken to the police station," MRD spokesman Sulman Taseer said.

He said that like other MRD leaders in Lahore, his house was being guarded by about 30 to 40 policemen and police jeeps were blocking all exits. "We can not meet to even discuss the very serious national issue," he said, adding that it showed the level of the regime's "intolerance".

DPA: President To Visit FRG 16 Oct

LD122013 Hamburg DPA in German 1800 GMT 12 Sep 85

[Text] Islamabad 12 Sep (DPA) — The President of Pakistan, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, is to visit the Federal Republic from 16 to 19 October. This was stated in an official announcement published in Islamabad today.

The president has been invited by Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Foreign Minister Meets Japanese, Sri Lankan Ministers

BK240508 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] Japan has decided to increase significantly its official development assistance to Pakistan in the next 7 years. This decision was made at a meeting between Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe and his Pakistani counterpart Sahabzada Yaqub Khan at UN Headquarters in New York. Pakistan's foreign minister thanked Japan for this assistance, which will further strengthen existing relations between the two countries. He apprised his Japanese counterpart of progress in connection with Afghanistan problem. The two foreign ministers also discussed regional issues and the Iran-Iraq war.

Later, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan met with Sri Lankan Foreign Minister A.C.S. Hameed and exchanged views on regional issues. Pakistani officials say that the two foreign ministers discussed matters relating to the forthcoming Dhaka summit conference of South Asian Regional Cooperation.

Communications Link With India Commissioned

BK231124 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] The Lahore-Amritsar telecommunication link was formally commissioned today with the exchange of greetings between the communication ministers of the two countries. The federal communication minister, Mr Mohyuddin Baluch, talking to his Indian counterpart, Mr Ram Niwas Mirdha expressed the confidence that with the opening of the communication links the two countries will come closer together in the field of telecommunication. He said the Pakistan Government's wish to have the best of relations with India in all fields and the communication ministries of the two countries have provided a good beginning.

The Indian communication minister expressed similar sentiments and hoped that the two countries would cooperate with each in improving relations in different fields with the commissioning of this link. The telecommunication link between Lahore and Amritsar was commissioned with the inauguration of high capacity coaxial cable system between the two countries at a ceremony in Lahore this morning. The federal communication secretary was the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony. A 4-member high-level Indian delegation headed by the communication secretary and the Indian ambassador to Pakistan were also present on the occasion.

Radio Pakistan's representative says the project completed at a cost of 14 million rupees, will have a capacity of 1,800 telephone channels along with one television channel between Lahore and Amritsar. The new link will be a [words indistinct] line providing trouble free service to the people. Karachi and Bombay are already linked through satellite.

SRI LANKA

Tamil Militants Attack Police Station, Wound 6

HK240316 Hong Kong AFP in English 0259 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] Colombo, Sept 24 (AFP) — Militant Tamil separatists last night attacked a northern police station at Kilinochchi, wounding six policemen, the National Security Minister said today.

The miltants using mortars and rocket propelled grenades struck at about midnight and the ensuing shootout lasted about two and a half hours, Lalith Athulathmudali told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE. He said the the defenders used mortars to repel the attack, in which six policemen were wounded. It was not immediately known whether the separatists suffered any casualties, security sources said.

The Kilinochchi police station, which has been attacked by militants before, lies almost at the gateway to the northern Jaffna Peninsula.

Mr Athulathmudali said it was suspected the attack was the work of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the most violent of the major separatist groups fighting for a Tamil state in the north and east of the country.

Further Details

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[By Neville de Silva]

[Excerpt] Colombo, Sept 24 (AFP) — Militant Tamil separatists have attacked at a northern police station, wounding at least seven security men, as a protest against killings of Sri Lankan Tamils today, virtually paralyzing life in the Jaffna Peninsula and India's Tamil Nadu State.

The general strike and last night's attack on the Kilinochchi police station came just two days before the scheduled arrival here of Indian Foreign Secretary Romesh Bhandari to discuss with Sri Lankan leaders the island's ethnic crisis and a ceasefire between security forces and the militants.

At least seven security men, five soldiers and two policemen, were wounded in the two and a half hour battle between militants using mortars and rocket-propelled grenades and the police station defenders, National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE.

Security sources said the injuries occurred when separatists blew up a parked lorry near the police station. The casualty toll among the militants was not immediately known. Helicopters going to the security men's rescue early today could not land for fear of sniper fire from the surrounding woods, the sources said.

Meanwhile, shops closed, students kept away from school and transport ground to a virtual halt in the Jaffna Peninsula as a demonstration organized by militant groups and supported mainly by students took hold, Jaffna residents said today. The demonstration was in solidarity with a strike launched in India's Tamil Nadu State in sympathy with Sri Lankan Tamils.

Posters put up by university students in Jaffna also said the demonstration was to protest against alleged "atrocities" by security forces against Tamils in Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Vavuniya, the Jaffna sources said.

(In India, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA said Tamil Nadu this morning began a 12-hour general strike and mass fast in protest against the killings of Tamils in Sri Lanka.

(Air and rail services were suspended and shops, business establishments and educational institutions were closed thoughout the state, it said.

(The ruling party All-India Anna-DMK (AIA-DMK), which called the strike, has ordered a public holiday.

(The strike is the second of its kind in the state on the Sri Lankan Tamil issue. The first strike in August 1983 was held soon after the outbreak of large-scale ethnic riots in the island nation.)

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources said that Mr. Bhandari during his one-day visit here Thursday is expected to brief Sri Lankan leaders on discussions in New Delhi last week between Indian officials and representatives of the Eelam National Liberation Front (ENLF), grouping four major Sri Lankan Tamil militant organizations, diplomatic sources said.

They said Mr. Bhandari's discussions with President Junius Jayewardene and Mr. Athulathmudali were expected to focus on a new ceasefire between security forces and the militants and proposals for granting more autonomy to Tamil areas.

Both the Colombo government and the ENLF have laid down conditions for a new ceasefire to replace the first three-month ceasefire agreement which expired last Wednesday. Colombo has unilaterally extended the ceasefire.

The ENLF's demand in the New Delhi discussions that any ceasefire be monitored by international observers has been rejected by Colombo, which offered instead to appoint a local multi-racial group.

Sources said, however, that in talks with Mr. Bhandari, Colombo was more interested in listening to what the ENLF had said on a working paper prepared by India and Sri Lanka as a basis for resuming talks between the militants and Colombo aimed at ending Sri Lanka's ethnic crisis. Talks between Colombo representatives and the militants in Bhutan collapsed last month.

Two other Tamil groups which participated in the peace talks have accepted the working paper, which includes proposals on granting greater autonomy to Tamil areas, as a reasonable basis for negotiations.

Diplomatic sources said delaying tactics by the ENLF had put off the resumption of the negotiations, but added that India was now expected to put pressure on it to take a positive stance.

Tamil 'Misinformation' Campaign Detailed
BK231120 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] Investigations have revealed that an organization called the Tamil Eelam Coordinating Committee [TECC] is behind the adverse propaganda against Sri Lanka. According to a LANKA PUWATH report, the investigation on terrorist misinformation abroad was made by a government agency.

This organization has branches in the main European cities, including Frankfurt and London and it employs journalists to visit Sri Lanka on tourist visas to carry out their special assignments for the terorrists. On arrival, they make appointments with various local members of the Tamil Eelam Coordinating Committee, and a guided tour of preset areas and discussions with local leaders follow. The news contractor then goes back and files his report, which is either a total fabrication or an absolute distortion of facts.

The report further states that the journalists travelling to Sri Lanka on tourist visas carry out their special assignments and rarely return to Sri Lanka, so that the TECC has to recruit journalists continuously.

The report has named a number of British and German journalists who are alleged to have been in the employ of the TECC.

Cypriot Ship Seized 19 Sep Released

LD240644 Tehran IRNA in English 0638 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 24, IRNA — The Cypriot ship, *Mat hildalia*, which was seized by Iran's Navy last Thursday, was released at 1100 hours (07:30 Hours GMT) Monday, Navy Commander Captain Malekzadegan told IRNA here Monday. He added that the consignment of the ship could not boost Iraq's military power in the war.

Captain Malekzadegan said that an average of 15 ships pass through the Strait of Hormuz per day and which will be inspected by the Navy. Any ship suspected of carring military cargo for the Iraqi regime would be led to one of the Iranian ports in the Persian Gulf for thorough inspection, he added.

On the seizure of the Danish *Arnold Marsk* container ship, the captain said that so far four containers of the ship's cargo have been proved to be military hardware destined for Iraq, noting that it would take the Navy several days to finish inspection of the ship.

AFP: Oil Exports Resumed at Reduced Rate

AU231654 Paris AFP in English 1639 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] London, Sept 23 (AFP) — Iran resumed oil exports from its Khark Island oil terminal at a reduced rate after a 24-hour halt in shipping as a result of an Iraqi air raid Thursday, oil resources said. One oil source here said that a very large crude carrier (VLCC) — a ship of about 250,000 tonnes — today took on a full load at Khark.

But another source said that another VLCC, the *Mistra*, one of the dozen shuttling between Khark and the Sirri floating terminal at the entrance to the Gulf, was told to enter Khark to load 150,000 tonnes instead of the usual 250,000 tonnes.

On the Baltic exchange, Iran was reported to have confirmed its call for ships of from 100,000 to 150,000 tonnes, available for a three-month period and apparently destined for the Khark-Sirri shuttle.

The Middle East Economic Survey, which is generally well informed on oil matters, said Thursday's raid had cut Khark's exporting capabilities in half from its full strength of 1.6 million barrels a day.

Khamene'i Addresses Pilot Graduation Ceremony

LD232031 Tehran IRNA in English 1855 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 22, IRNA — President Khamene'i in the first graduation ceremony of the Pilot Training College said here Monday [23 September] that despite the ex-regime's plans all pilots of the Islamic Republic's Air-Force are now being trained inside the country and that all plots of the global arrogance for westernizing the Army personnel and spreading corrupt American culture among the personnel have been all foiled.

The president described the graduation of Iranian pilots under supervision of Iranian instructors as a climatic breakthrough in the Air-Force.

At the ceremony which began with recition of verses of the Holy Koran the president also reviewed the Honor Guards and various units of the Air Force.

The chief of the Joint Staff Command, commanders of Navy, air and ground forces and head of State Police were present at the ceremony.

Khamene'i Inaugurates New School Year

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[Address by Iranian President Khamene'i at ceremony held at Esteqlal School in Tehran inaugurating the new school year — live]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The first day of the new school year is an august and a great day for the dear students, the respected sons and future administrators of this country. It is equally important for all families and is an august and great day for all.

You are the real fighters in the revolution. The revolution is waiting for you. The revolution that succeeded in the year 1378 [1978 AD] is not complete; it has just begun. The success and completion of the revolution depends on organizing this society of God and the Koran. This should be completed by the students.

Our first day of the school year coincides with the war week celebrations. Today is the first day of the school year and the second day of war week. It also coincides with Moharram this year, and for this reason it has a special significance. This coincidence should also remind us that the front also exists in the schools.

Just as there is a front of good against evil on the land, in factories, in [words indistinct], in all public departments, there is also a great front existing in the schools. The soldiers and combatants of this front are you and your teachers. It is you that keep this front active. Bravo to you.

If we have hopes for the future of the revolution it is because of you, and you should not remain content with learning alone. Although learning is your major task, learning together with correct insight, with deep Islamic thought, with correct and Islamic morality, is what will mold you in the real meaning of the word.

I pray to God that you will be successful and that in the school year that begins today you may have the capacity to build yourselves. This self-building will serve your nation, your country and, in fact, all of humanity. I also greet the families of the student martyrs on this occasion and extend the thanks of our dear society in their presence and express the hope that the great God will grant them patience. God be with you.

Foreign Minister Meets New SRV Envoy, Discusses Ties

LD211542 Tehran IRNA in English 1526 GMT 21 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 21, IRNA — The new Vietnamese accredited ambassador to Tehran, Huang Tuwan, handed his credentials to the foreign minister of the Islamic Republic, 'Ali Akbar Velayati, Saturday [21 September] and called for the expansion of ties between the two countries.

In the meeting Velayati spoke on Iran's non-aligned foreign policy and said independence from the superpowers was the "only way out of the present deadlock" in world politics.

Vietnam is a socialist country and an active member of the Eastern bloc.

Velayati expressed satisfaction on the prospects of the two countries upgrading their relations and hoped that Vietnam would soon send a permanent ambassador to Tehran.

Tuwan said that his government praised the Islamic revolution as a symbol of the anti-U.S. struggle and believed the two countries had common enemies.

Vietnam was reunited in 1975 after the fall of the U.S. supported government in Saigon and the proclamation of a Socialist Republic ruled from Hanoi.

Prior to American involvement in Vietnam, the French ran a colonialist government there but were forced to leave after military defeats at the hands of the Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh.

Velayati praised the Vietnamese struggle for independence against the French and the U.S. colonialists.

Tuwan later met with the minister of economics and finance, Hoseyn Namazi, and discussed trade between the two countries.

Majlis Speaker Says Iraq Unable To Continue War

GF200703 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0400 GMT 20 Sep 85

[Text] Hashemi-Rafsanjani, Majlis speaker and the imam's representative in the Supreme Defense Council, has stated that the political, military, social, and economic situation of the Iraqi regime at this point in the imposed war proves the fact that Saddam's regime is unable to continue the war against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Speaking to a group of Islamic heroes, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said that, despite all the desperate attempts to impose peace at this delicate period, the Islamic forces and the Iranian people on the battlefield will not permit the Iraqi regime to continue to exist and threaten the Islamic revolution in Iran and other countries and Muslim peoples in the region.

He stressed that the sacred defense will continue until appropriate preparations are made for extensive operations aimed at destroying the Iraqi regime and obtaining our legitimate rights.

Air Force Chief: 'More Decisive' Response to Iraq

LD240917 Tehran IRNA in English 0839 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 24, IRNA — Iran's Air Force Commander Colonel Hushang Sediq Monday [23 September] reiterated preparedness of the Iranian forces to give "more decisive" response to the Baghdad regime.

He stressed that in situation under which Iranian forces can penetrate 250 km deep inside Iraqi territory and can also pass over Iraq's air force bases in Irbil, Kirkuk and Al-Mawsil, they can easily launch offensives in various parts of the Persian Gulf.

Speaking on the second day of the War Week, started Dept. 22, Colonel Sediq noted that Iran was ready to give more decisive response to Iraq, adding that bombardment of Zubayr steel mill and Dukan power installations in west of Al-Sulaymaniyah was carried out with this objective.

He said that despite the help Iraq was receiving from Eastern and Western powers, Iran's Air Force, with the help of naval forces, was capable of hitting Iraqi targets in the Persian Gulf and safeguarding Iranian borders.

Colonel Sediq said that an Iraqi pilot who has been recently captured by Islamic combatants has confessed that in the Iraqi air attacks against Tehran two Iraqi MiG fighters have been crashed inside Iraq due to technical defects caused by running out of fuel. The Air Force commander said that since Iraqi pilots had to conduct more maneuvers to flee Iran's air space, they had run out of fuel sooner than the schedule.

Joint Staff Chief Sohrabi Speaks at Arms Exposition

LD211802 Tehran IRNA in English 1716 GMT 21 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 21, IRNA — An exposition on "Progress Toward Independent Arms Industries," marking the fifth anniversary of the Iraqi-imposed war on Iran was inauguarated at Park-e Shahr (Downtown Park), here Saturday.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the exposition, Chief of the Joint Staff Command of the Islamic Republic of Iran Colonel Esma'il Sohrabi said since the victory of the revolution and after adopting an independent foreign policy and industries headed for self-reliance. [as received]

He said that today any complex instrument is manufactured by Iranians and that many plans are underway with the help of other organizations of the country. "4,400 parts have been manufactured so far by our military personnel and are being used against the Iraqi troops, 2,200 of which are put on public display," said the Army chief of staff. Sohrabi added that breakthroughs have been attained in military equipment in addition to other achievements.

Iranian Gendermerie, meanwhile, is to inaugurate an exposition, Sunday, in the Park-e Laleh of Tehran, in which samples of warfare equipment taken as booty from the Iraqi enemy and from counterrevolutionary groups will be put on display. A documentary regarding the role of Gendermerie in the warfronts

alongside its other activities will also be screened. The exposition is to continue for a week.

Deputy Foreign Minister Holds Talks in Damascus

LD240508 Tehran IRNA in English 0456 GMT 24 Sep 85

[Text] Damascus, Sept. 24, IRNA — Iran's Foreign Ministry Deputy for Political Affairs Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam arrived here Monday night to hold talks with Syrian officials. During his stay in Syria, Sheykh ol-Eslam will discuss current situation in the region and bilateral issues between the two countries with Syrian officials.

Al-Qadhdhafi Confirms Support in Gulf War

LD202337 Tehran IRNA in English 1703 GMT 20 Sep 85

["Libya Backs Iran Against U.S. M.E. Allies" — IRNA headline]

[Text] Kuwait, Sept. 20, IRNA — Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi has said in an interview with a Kuwaiti paper, that the war waged by Iraq against Iran can only end in the overthrow of Iraqi ruler Saddam Husayn.

In an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper *AL-QABAS*, which was published here Thursday, Al-Qadhdhafi expressed full support for the Islamic Revolution of Iran against provocations of reactionary Arab regimes and that of the U.S. imperialism. He said the Iraqi-imposed war against Iran is not a war between Arabs and non-Arabs but rather a war between a revolution and a counterrevolution.

"The Iraq-Iran war is a war between allies of the U.S. on the one hand and anti-U.S. countries on the other," Al-Qadhdhafi said, noting Iraqi war against Iran is a U.S.-backed war which Saddam, King Husayn of Jordan and President Husni Mubarak of Egypt are waging against the anti-U.S. revolution of Iran. The Libyan leader said, Libya under no circumstances would join the alignment of Mubarak, King Husayn and Saddam vis-a-vis Iran.

On Libya's reasons to support Iran, he said, before the victory of the revolution in Iran, the ex-shah's regime was backed by the U.S. it was an ally of Israel and South Africa, opposed Arab nationalism and was considered an important U.S. base in the region.

After the victory of the anti-U.S. revolution in Iran and the overthrow of the shah, the country went to blows with the U.S. and allied itself with the Palestinian people and the Arab ummah. "After those actions, is it fair to be at war with this revolution?" the Libyan leader asked.

Libyan Envoy Emphasizes Support

LD211221 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Sep 85

[Text] Today according to a Central News Unit report, the secretary of the General People's Committee of Libya in Tehran, presented a message from the secretary of the Foreign Liaison Committee of Libya, to Foreign Minister Velayati. In this meeting, the decisive support of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah's for the Islamic Republic of Iran in the imposed war, was emphasized.

Envoy States Turkey's 'Neutrality' To Be Respected

LD221701 Tehran IRNA in English 1635 GMT 22 Sep 85

[Text] Ankara, Sept. 22, IRNA — Iran's Ambassador to Turkey, Manuchehr Mottaki said in a press conference here Saturday that Iran would try not to inflict any damage on Turkey in its defensive war against the Iraqi regime. Speaking to a large group of reporters, marking the fifth anniversary of the Iraqi-imposed war on Iran, Mottaki said Iran would continue to respect Turkey's neutrality in the war.

The Iranian ambassador added that Iran would use all its resources to overthrow the Iraqi regime, while at the same time trying to maintain cordial relations with friendly countries. "Iraqi planes have frequently bombarded Turkey's border areas in recent days which caused the reaction of people and government of Turkey," he said. "Moreover, Iraqi warplanes attack ships flying the Turkish flag in the Persian Gulf".

Asked Motakki, "How could Iran believe a regime (Iraq) which unilaterally scrapped the 1975 Algiers agreement and attacked residential areas, civil aviation and shipping in defiance of international agreements?" "In addition," Mottaki continued, "how can we trust that such future agreements will not have the same fate as their predecessors?"

NVOI Assails Gas Agreement With Turkey

TA202007 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 20 Sep 85

[Unattributed commentary: "The Islamic Regime Is Squandering Iran's Natural Resources"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: Imperialism and Western monopolies, particularly oil monopolies, cruelly plundered, with the aid of their subservient regimes, the natural resources of our homeland, especially its oil reserves.

From the very outset, Khomeyni's regime, under the provisional government and imaginary pretexts, and also in order to obtain the satisfaction of its British masters, unilaterally abrogated the agreement with the Soviet Union on the exploitation of Iran's gas. As we are aware, Khomeyni's regime recently lifted its veil and revealed its ugly antipopular features as well as its subservience to its Western overlords, while renewing old relations with Western monopolies. Thereafter, it adopted measures to plunder Iran's gas resources under the pretext of exporting gas via Turkey.

With the implementation of this plan and the export of gas via Turkey to West European countries -- which definitely will take place under the control of Western monopolies -- a basic source of our homeland's natural wealth, namely Iranian gas, will once

again come under their supervision. Its pricing will depend on fluctuations in Western markets, their economic crises, and the business arrangements of Western monopolies.

Moreover, from another aspect also, Western monopolies want to implement the exploitation of Iran's gas by constructing a gas pipeline through Turkey. The point is that under current conditions, neither Turkey nor Iran independently possesses the necessary and essential technology to construct a gas pipeline. As a result, they must seek the aid of the very same Western monopolies for the construction of the gas pipeline, which in turn will entail billions of profit for those monopolies. On the other hand, given the present situation in Iran, the warmongering policy of Khomeyni's Islamic regime, and the economic and political chaos in the country, it is not clear how many years it will take to export gas via Turkey. Thus, again Iranian gas will burn for many years, and this natural wealth will be squandered.

What is certain is that as a result of this deal between Khomeyni's regime and Turkey's coupist regime and Western monopolies, those who will pocket immense profits will be, first, the Western monopolies, and then Turkey, playing the role of middleman for these monopolies. Iran will be the loser, the one who is cheated.

It should also be noted that the initial investment for the construction of a gas pipeline through Turkey will be funded by the exporting country, namely Iran. In contrast, we all know that on the basis of the agreement between Iran and the Soviet Union concerning the exploitation of our country's gas, the gas was paid for by the Soviet Union and huge industrial units such as the major steel industry, the Arak machine factory, as well as the countrywide gas pipeline were constructed.

The export of gas via the Soviet Union is to Iran's advantage and entails basic benefits, because first of all, the Soviet Union itself is the foremost gas exporting country, and because it possesses great economic power throughout the world, the efforts and endeavors of Western monopolies to set or reduce the price of oil cannot have a negative impact on the price of Iranian gas. Secondly, as the infrastructure for the export of gas via the Soviet Union already exists, and the gas pipeline is in place from the south of our country to the Soviet Union, Iranian gas can be exported to Europe with a minimum of cost.

However, as we are witnessing, the Islamic regime has chosen the path of dependence on the West via Turkey for the export of gas, or more accurately for the plunder of Iran's gas resources. One should not expect otherwise from a regime that enforces the policy of amassers of wealth and the monopolies that support them.

Karrubi Comments on Participation in Pilgrimage

LD201234 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Sep 85

[Text] The pre-sermon speaker of today's Friday prayers in Tehran was Mehdi Karrubi, the representative of the imam and supervisor of Iranian hajj pilgrims. He noted this year's Iranian participation in the hajj pilgrimage and its role in delivering the messages of martyrs and sounding the cries of their nation to other Muslims for international solidarity.

Karrubi, noting that some anti-revolution and wealthy exiles have returned to the country and repossessed their ill gains, considered such matter as a bad beginning for the true nation of Iran and the Islamic Revolution. He asked such cases to be forestalled through decisive campaigns against such elements.

The representative of the imam and supervisor of the Iranian hajj pilgrimage praised all of responsible organizations and foundations involved with the hajj this year.

Iran Air Ends Hajj Flights to Jeddah

LD231821 Tehran IRNA in English 1729 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 23, IRNA — The last hajj flight for this year's 150,000 Iranian pilgrims to Mecca, Saudi Arabia ended Sunday afternoon with as many as 938 flights.

Director General of the Islamic Republic airlines (Iran Air) Hassan Shafti said here Monday that it took the airlines nearly 22 days to take Iranian pilgrims to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and 24 days to return them back home with a total of 938 passenger shuttle flights.

He said the operations showed Iran Air had a far higher performance than that of other airlines conveying pilgrims from other countries to Jeddah. It was even better than Iran Air's last year performance, showing an eight percent increase. Shafti noted "Islamic Republic airlines' European flights will be doubled for a week from September 24."

On the seizure of two Iranian passenger planes by the Iraqi regime, the official said "International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in the latest contacts, has said it will continue efforts to return the planes from Iraq."

Referring to a hijacked Kuwaiti passenger plane which was taken to Tehran early November last year, Shafti said ICAO has been informed (by Iran) that the Kuwaiti Government can take the plane back whenever it wishes, adding that the Kuwaiti Government so far has not claimed it.

Nuclear Science, Technology Doctorate Introduced

LD191507 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 18 Sep 85

[Text] The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran and the chancellor of Amir Kabir Technical University announced in a press conference today the inauguration of courses leading to a doctorate in the field of nuclear science and technology.

According to our correspondent, the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran said in an interview: At the moment, committed Iranian experts are in charge of research in the administration of the atomic energy installations of the country. The establishment of a course leading to a doctorate in atomic

science and technology will assist in the training of expert and skilled manpower at the highest levels of this technology.

Referring to the importance of training manpower at the doctoral level, the chancellor of Amir Kabir Technical University said: For the first time, students will be accepted for doctoral courses in the field of nuclear science and technology in the 1364-65 academic year [1985-86]. The students will pass their theoretical subjects at Amir Kabir University and the practical courses at the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran. After completing their studies, they will be employed in the research and administrative departments of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Iraqi Radar Site in Al Faw Destroyed

LD231825 Tehran IRNA in English 1820 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., Sept 23, IRNA — Iran's Muslim fighters shelled Iraqi positions in Al Faw over the past 24 hours, destroying a radar site of the enemy, killing or wounding a number of Iraqi troops and demolishing some enemy bunkers.

Iranian combatants, stationed on coasts of Arvand River, opened fire on Iraqi troops killing or wounding some of them, and also destroying five foxholes, two larger bunkers, a dump truck, a grader and two mortar launchers across the Arvand River.

Muslim combatants also opened fire on army supply routes of Iraq, preventing the Iraqi forces from using these roads.

Communique No 2,237

LD231709 Tehran IRNA in English 1702 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 23, IRNA — Iran's Muslim combatants during a limited attack against Iraqi forces in western fronts early Sunday [22 September] killed and wounded more than 150 Iraqi troops and exploded two munitions depots as well as destroyed several bunkers, observation posts and a large number of weapons of the enemy, the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces reported here Sunday.

Announcing this in its Communique Number 2237, the Command said that the attack started at 03:15 hours local time Sunday (11:45 hours GMT Saturday) during which the Iranian fighters after passing enemy's mine fields and other obstacles conducted their attack and then returned to their bases safely.

Operations of Iraqi patrols in the regions of Kharratha and Qasr-e Shirin were repelled by Iranian combatants who also opened fire on an enemy vehicle column inflicting casualties and damage on Iraqi troops, the Command said.

The Command added that over the past 24 hours, Iranian fighters in northwestern fronts subjected a strategic height of the region as well as an Iraqi vehicle column with estimated capacity of 50 vehicles to their heavy fire inflicting substantial casualties on the enemy and halting transport and reinforcement of the Iraqi troops. Meanwhile, the Command added, air violation of Iraqi planes in these fronts were repelled by Iranian ground-to-air fire.

Iran's Gendarmerie forces shelled Iraqi positions across the Arvand River over the past 24 hours, inflicting casualties and losses on them as well as lessening the enemy fire and engineering operations, the communique said. The city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province was sporadically hit by Iraq's long-range artillery fire over the past 24 hours during which a few houses were damaged, the communique concluded.

Continuing Reportage on Afghan Rebel Operations

Mujahidin Attack USSR Headquarters

LD211053 Tehran IRNA in English 0932 GMT 21 Sep 85

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 21, IRNA — Afghan mujahidin attacked Lashkar Gah, the provincial headquarters of Helmand which is in full control of Soviets and killed 21 Soviet troops. One tank was also destroyed and an army barrack was damaged. Afghan press agency reported that as a result of this attack which took place on September 8, two mujahids were martyred and 11 others wounded.

International press also reported that as a result of a recent massive Russian offensive against the mujahidin in Paktia and Paktika Provinces near the Pakistani border, about twenty thousand Soviet paratroopers, backed by helicopter gunships, heavy artillery and tanks blasted mujahidin camps. In this bitter fighting led by Gulbuddin Hikmatyar, the mujahidin heavily resisted and although they had to sacrifice Mowlawi Ahmad Gul, the right hand man of Mowlana Jalaluddin Haqqani, yet the Russians could not achieve their objectives in this strategic area.

Two Leaders Killed in Raid

LD212012 Tehran IRNA in English 1804 GMT 21 Sep 85

[Text] Birjand, Sept. 21, IRNA — Joint Soviet Afghan forces launched a retaliatory raid on Sur village in Farah Province on Thursday and Friday [19-20 September] in response to the successful attack on Afghan Muslim revolutionaries on the governer's office last week.

Eight Russian MiGs raided the village as a result of which two Afghan Muslim leaders were martyred. Also an undetermined number of civilians were wounded and some residential houses were leveled to the ground in this attack.

Operations in Qandahar, Paktia Province

LD231335 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] According to reports from Afghan Muslim revolutionary sources in New Delhi, the Muslim revolutionaries killed 12 of Afghanistan's secret police, KHAD, (?3 weeks) ago, and injured a number of them. This was in retaliation to joint Soviet and government forces' savage operation against the defenseless people of Qandahar, namely, the detonation of a bomb at the

Qandahar Hotel. Based on the same reports, the bodies of these persons were airlifted from Qandahar to Kabul.

Another report from Afghanistan indicates that the Muslim revolutionaries captured more than 80 agents of the regime ruling over that country during a guerrilla operation in the Kamari region, Babrak Karmal's birthplace near Kabul. This operation took place at a time when Soviet and government forces tried to maintain the region's security during Karmal's visit to his birthplace.

Further reports indicate that fierce engagements are taking place between the Muslim revolutionaries and the government forces in Paktia Province. The ferocity of the clashes is such that 50 military planes take off from Kabul airport daily to transport the dead, support the government forces, and bomb the mujahidins' positions in that province.

Clashes in Badakhshan Province

LD231633 Tehran IRNA in English 1617 GMT 23 Sep 85

[Text] Mashhad, Khorassan Prov., Sept. 23, IRNA — Afghan Muslim revolutionaries killed or wounded hundreds of Soviet occupier forces in a large scale land-aerial attack of Soviet-Afghan troops which was beaten back in Badakhshan Province in the second week of September.

Afghan combatants seized a great amount of ammunition as well as weapons including 30 machine-guns, forcing the joint forces to withdraw under support of MiG's and helicopters.

In retaliation for their defeat the joint forces set ablaze farms in Badakhshan and brutally beheaded a group of people among them women and children.